



5 Fast Facts about Coronavirus and Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19)

What is it?

Coronavirus is a relatively new family of viruses. It can cause Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19), a respiratory disease.

How is it transmitted?

Through close contact (6 feet or less) or respiratory droplets via sneezes or coughs.

What are the symptoms?

Flu-like symptoms such as high fever, dry cough, or body aches. Note that children can be asymptomatic or exhibit very mild symptoms.

What is the incubation period?

The average incubation period is 5 days, but it can be anywhere from 2 to 14 days from initial contact.

How should I practice social distancing and for how long?

Just be smart—no playgrounds, dine-in restaurants, or unnecessary visits. Regarding time frame, follow national, regional, and local mandates.

More Information

[Centers for Disease Control and Prevention](#)

[World Health Organization](#)